

# Happy New Year! The Elba Clipper

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## A brief pause to reflect on 1993 as 1994 is welcomed...

Another year has come and gone! As we prepare to embark on our journey into the new year of 1994, it is fitting that we look back and reflect on events of the past year.

The following excerpts are from news items as they were reported on the front page of last year's issues of *The Elba Clipper*.

### JANUARY

**January 7** - Elba School Board names Dale Crowe principal. Assistant Principal Dale Crowe has been named principal of the Elba Elementary School, replacing retiring principal Sara Sharpless. Mrs. Judy Killingsworth, high school English teacher, has been named Supervisor of Instruction and Counselor.

**January 14** - Police Chief Freddie Hanchey fired by mayor. - The Elba City Council meeting was fireworks as expected Monday night after the news spread that Mayor Ricky Haywood had dismissed Police Chief Freddie Hanchey Monday afternoon. Other headlines: Elba's Mayor Ricky Haywood files suit against W&E Board; Elba W&E Board re-leases Haywood as superintendent; Robin Earl Morgan pleads guilty to assault.

**January 21** - Jury finds Schaefer guilty of sodomy and sexual abuse. - A Coffee County man was found guilty of first-degree sexual abuse and first-degree sodomy charges last Thursday by a six-woman and six-man jury. The verdict came after 2-1/2 hours of deliberation; Commission has lengthy planning session. - According to Commission Chairman Robert Stephens, the Coffee County commission's planning session lasted about five hours last Thursday.

**January 28** - Elba City Council hires police chief & hears hunting complaints. - Elba native Jack Parker was named Chief of Police in a split vote by the Elba City Council Monday evening. The majority of the council accepted the recommendation of Mayor Ricky Haywood and appointed the retired Deputy U.S. Marshal to head the department where he started in his law enforcement career.

### FEBRUARY

**February 4** - (Picture) Car-truck crash seriously injures one...A two-vehicle wreck involving a 1981 Honda Civic and a semi-tractor-trailer occurred approximately 2 miles west of New Brockton shortly before 11 a.m. on Tuesday. The small car was being driven by Mrs. Pauline B. Qualls, age 54, of Ann Street in Elba.

**February 11** - Coffee County Commission to look at landfill options. - In recent Coffee County Commission meetings, County Engineer Mark Pool has been encouraging the commissioners to take action concerning solid waste disposal in the county. Reportedly, members of the commission have delayed taking any action before having a permit in hand (ADEM approved the county's application to construct a Subtitle D landfill on Tuesday, Feb. 9).

**February 18** - Young boys killed in double homicide. - The youngsters were identified as being Quentin Anderson Burney, age 2; and Kerwin Donnell Horstead, age 5. Both children appeared to have died of multiple gunshot wounds. The incident occurred at 820 Roosevelt Dr. in Kennedy Estates located in Elba. Other headlines: Schaefer sentenced to 25 years in prison; Elba welcomes new doctor (Dr. Glenn A. Roberts, D.O.).

**February 25** - Elba City Council grants hearing to former police chief Hanchey. - Former Police Chief Freddie Hanchey will get the hearing over his firing which he and his attorney, Mike Jared, have repeatedly requested. City Attorney Mark Vaughan was present and presented the mayor and council with a letter from the city's insurance company instructing them to grant the hearing.

### MARCH

**March 4** - Headlines: Holley questions levee ownership; Family chooses to be homeless; New Brockton ups sales tax 1/2%. - Trash pickup ordinance passed; Elba General Hospital adds surgeon to staff; Reduction in Medicaid will impact local hospital and nursing home; Opp Jaycees Rattlesnake Rodeo scheduled to begin Saturday.

**March 11** - Commission gives Coffee County BOE go ahead on special tax renewal election. - Once again, a special election for the purpose of renewing the 5 mills of property tax for county schools was on the Coffee County Commission's meeting agenda. Elba High School one step closer to having alternative school; Elba youths arrested in shooting incident; Bomb threat at Southland.

**March 18** - (Picture) Snow Storm March 1993. - On March 17, 1990, the Elba Courthouse was surrounded by muddy flood waters reaching almost to the second floor. Almost three years to the day, the Elba Courthouse was once again surrounded, but this time, it was by WHITE SNOW. Pictured was what the courthouse looked like at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning of March 13, 1993.

**March 25** - Hearing for former police chief Freddie Hanchey is now underway. - A hearing is underway in Elba on the firing (suspension?) of former police chief Freddie Hanchey. The hearing began at 9 a.m. Friday and was continued until a yet unnamed date when testimony ended at 2:15 Friday afternoon; Muddy streets complaint heard by council; City renews garbage contract; Commission action on fire marshal's report.

### APRIL

**April 1** - Questions surround ex-chief's hearing. - Many questions have been asked by Elba citizens since the beginning of talks of a hearing on Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood's efforts to terminate former police chief Freddie Hanchey. The words "Due Process"; surface when questions are put to professionals who are learned in the area of dealing with public employees and personnel problems; Special grand jury indicts Burney on 2 counts of capital murder.

**April 8** - Coffee County citizens say no to tax. - yes to one courthouse. - Last Friday morning, April 2, more than seventy citizens of Coffee County gathered in the community room of the Farm Complex in New Brockton. A public hearing was held by the Coffee County Commission to hear comments on a proposed property tax to fund courthouse construction.

**April 15** - Elba City Council votes to reinstate Hanchey. - The group, which voted 4-2 in taking this action, has been under the threat of a lawsuit from Hanchey since shortly after his dismissal by Mayor Ricky Haywood. Other headlines: Elba Police Chief Jack Parker proposes a 10 p.m. curfew ordinance for youth; Dorsey Trailers' bomb threat a hoax; Fred Burney on trial for double murder.

**April 22** - Burney gets two life sentences. - A jury in Coffee County Circuit Court-Elba Division returned a guilty verdict in a double murder trial held on Wednesday, April 14. It took the jury, composed of 5 women and 7 men, only 15 minutes to return the guilty verdict; Another headline: Coffee County Farm-City Week big winner.

**April 29** - Landfill dominates commission meeting. - After signing bills, the commission adjourned until 1 p.m. at which time they reconvened to discuss the bid submitted by Waste Away, Inc. to handle the county's solid waste disposal; Another headline: A plank in county history donated (picture) Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Smith donated a 150-year-old plank from the Wellborn Court-

house. The courthouse was destroyed by fire in March of 1851.

### MAY

**May 6** - Coffee County to construct & operate landfill. - In a split vote of 4 to 3, the commission voted to go ahead with the construction of a landfill in Coffee County; Elba - Hanchey matter unresolved. - "The City of Elba does not have the money in the budget to hire Freddie Hanchey to our Police Department, nor do I intend to hire him," Haywood wrote.

**May 13** - Elba City Schools anticipate no cash flow problem. - Elba school board members heard some good news last Thursday night when Superintendent Charles Pearce reviewed the financial statement with them and said, "I anticipate no cash flow problems when school starts." Other headlines read: Commission to study county-wide recreation; News not good on Mulberry paving project.

**May 20** - Ex-Police Chief Hanchey sues city and mayor for \$9,000,000. - "It appears...that the council and mayor have adopted the attitude that they will let a federal judge decide the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved," said Attorney Mike Jared; Other headlines: Court orders new trial for Owen Ziglar, Dr. Katherine Windham, M.D. to open practice in Elba; Coffee Co. Commission awards garbage contract to Waste Away, Inc.

**May 27** - Engineer says Mulberry paving project complete in about 3 weeks. - The Elba City Council heard an engineer promise the paving project in Mulberry Heights should be finished in about three weeks, assuming the weather remains reasonable; Another headline: Da gives local police drug money - Elba received \$14,905.65.

### JUNE

**June 3** - Four-county effort being made to attract tourists to area. - Coffee County and its towns and cities joined forces with three other counties in an effort to attract tourists and new residents to the area; Other headlines: Referendum is still on for property tax increase to construct new courthouse; Century Glove Inc., looking at Elba for possible location of new facility.

**June 10** - Elba's recreation program attracts record number of participants. - "We already have over 750 players and coaches taking part in various baseball and softball leagues in the city," added Mulatz; Other headlines: Grand jury indicts four Elba youths; DynCorp announces reduction in personnel at Fort Rucker. Other headlines: New Brockton Council in executive session; Elba City Council holds early morning special session to approve bids.

**June 17** - Quick action by Elba city pool lifeguards saves youth from drowning. - Lucas Lane, 11-year-old son of basketball coach and Mrs. Curtis Lane, had already stopped breathing when he was pulled from the bottom of the pool by Matt Henderson and Lifeguard Bryan Daniels; Another headline: Coffee County Commission sets election date & landfill fees.

**June 24** - Headlines: Elba's schools formally dedicated; Construction (picture) has begun on the new access road to the Elba City School Complex; Col. Kenneth Strong now a Brigadier General; Nineteen have already lost their lives; Larry Gallo-way resigns as head of Elba's electrical department; Lead & copper content in Elba's water is within acceptable level.

### JULY

**July 1** - Four employees of Elba W & E Department terminated after failing drug screening test. - The group was suspended as of Wednesday and according to Haywood, employee guidelines require they remain so until the next meeting of the utility board; Other headlines: Elba

City Council asks Industrial Board to turn over \$27,500; Coffee County has first customer for landfill; Commission quizzed on cost of landfill.

**July 8** - Pair caught "trucking" 1/2 million \$ in Coffee County. - Over a 1/2 million dollars was confiscated Monday afternoon after State Trooper Ronnie Whitworth stopped a rental truck on U.S. Hwy. 84 west of Elba about 3:30 Monday afternoon and charged the two occupants with possession of a controlled substance. The charges were made after Whitworth stopped the truck for speeding and smelled the distinct odor of marijuana. The men then gave consent to search the vehicle.

**July 15** - Couch Construction awarded landfill contract. - After reviewing the three bids received for the construction of the county's Subtitle D landfill, Mark Pugh recommended accepting the low bid of \$971,544.25; Other headlines: Puckett hired as supervisor of Elba Electrical Department; Elba BOE deals with personnel matters; Marijuana and property seized in raid; Elba City Council discusses curfew ordinance.

**July 22** - New Brockton receives \$370,000 CDBG Housing Rehab Grant. - New Brockton Mayor Kathryn Holley received written notification from Gov. Jim Folsom that the town had been selected to receive a \$370,000 Community Block Grant (CDBG) for additional housing rehabilitation; Another headline: Federal magistrate moves City of Elba one step closer to a special election.

**July 29** - Headlines: Four-year-old child missing four hours found safe and sound; Commission buys scales and okays budget changes; Elba BOE names David Stokes as assistant principal at high school; Highway department offers city a bridge; Law says turn on wipers and lights when it rains; Public meeting scheduled on U.S. Hwy. 84.

### AUGUST

**August 5** - (Picture) A large crowd of citizens was on hand at the new Elba school building Tuesday night to review plans presented by the Alabama Highway Department on proposed routes for the 4-laning of U.S. Hwy. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia; New Brockton Town Council considers gas tax hike. - In the first ordinance read to the council members, an increase in the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel from 1 cent to 2 cents was proposed; Another headline: Elba welcomes Dr. Windham (Dr. Cathy Windham was pictured with Dr. John Kimmey).

**August 12** - Federal judge orders Elba to hold new municipal election. - U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson has ordered the City of Elba to adopt revised district lines and hold new council elections. The City was given 15 days to file a schedule and plan for conducting new city council elections. Other headlines read: City plans to attack abandoned homes problem; Nursing home receives bomb threat; Commission changes date on property tax election.

**August 19** - Confusion reigns supreme as to when city election will be held. - The City of Elba will hold a special municipal election in an effort to comply with a federal court order. The election will be either next month or in November, confusion reigns supreme at press time on which of these dates will prevail; Other headlines: Pike County won an found murdered in home; Elba W&E Board approves transfer of \$100,000 to City of Elba's coffers.

**August 26** - Elba City Council accepts crooked bridge & okays youth parking. - Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood and the city council in a rare display of complete harmony, agreed unanimously in only six votes taken during their Monday night meeting; Other headlines: Reeves murder investigation continues; Coffee County has mandatory garbage pickup; Wellborn first county seat of Coffee County (picture of historical

marker unveiling); Elba's special city election set for Tuesday, Sept. 21st.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 2** - Brunson still may run for his present council seat in special city election. - Brunson acknowledged Tuesday afternoon that he has had a lot of people in District Four calling him or coming by with encouragement for him to re-qualify and continue representing the district; Other headlines: Mark Pool elected president of AACEE; Troopers say 13 motorists will die; Elba plans action on lots and houses.

**September 9** - Elba's special municipal election draws an even dozen. - A full dozen candidates have qualified for the special Elba city council election ordered as a result of a federal court redistricting case. All five incumbents have qualified as candidates. Four of the five Elba council districts have challengers. Only in District 4 was the incumbent, Bill Brunson, guaranteed a seat at the council table for the balance of this four-year term. Other headlines: Bill Waldon vying for District 2 seat on council; Wilson announces candidacy for District 5 seat on council; Jim-right seeks re-election.

**September 16** - Top headlines read as follows: Kinston seeking county's tax proposal gets resounding defeat; New Brockton Council says no to additional gas tax; McMillan runs for council; McCollough seeks re-election; Yelverton vying for 3rd term; Burch announces candidacy; Murder investigation continues; Lindsey runs for District 3 seat.

**September 23** - Gunman and hostage die in Enterprise Shopping Center. - A disaster occurred in Enterprise Tuesday afternoon when a lone male gunman entered Bealls Department store and took three hostages. One of the hostages was wounded and another died when she was reportedly shot by the gunman as he went down in a hail of gunfire from school building; Coffee County hostages - Tony Hudson, daughter of Mary Jo Hudson, and an employee of Bealls Department store suffered a gunshot wound to the leg soon after the man entered the store.

**September 30** - Autopsy reveals sniper's bullet killed hostage. - An autopsy by pathologists with the Alabama Department of Forensic Science revealed that the hostage, Edien McCrady, age 18, was killed by an Enterprise police sniper's bullet; Other headlines: Coffee County Commission approves \$7,252,413 budget for FY'94; Local school boards must comply with new state laws.

### OCTOBER

**October 7** - Headlines read: City (Elba) balks on 1¢ sales tax increase. - The Elba City Council refused to approve a 1 cent sales tax increase that was included in the annual budget recommended to the council by Mayor Ricky Haywood; Coffee County's Subtitle D landfill opened for business Monday; District Attorney's office in Elba Courthouse will not be closed; Yelverton re-elected to Elba City Council.

**October 14** - Elba Council holds first post-election meeting. - The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening, one to handle routine business and the second was an organizational meeting following the federal court ordered new city council elections; Other headlines: Elba W&E Board's cash reserve down to \$193,000; County votes to pave Penney Road.

**October 21** - Elba City Council sets date for wet-dry referendum; Elba tanker and farmer swap jobs. - The second annual Farm-City swap was held in Elba with Maxie Bozeman, a local peanut farmer, swapping places with Kenneth Grantman, president of The Peoples Bank; Jim Bowdoin named Lions district governor; Tax increase or not to be decided on

Tuesday, Nov. 9.

**October 28** - Concerned citizens question wet-dry petition; Nicole Pilcher, Miss Zion Chapel, crowned Miss National Peanut Festival, Saturday night at the Dothan Civic Center; Mulatz & Simmons granted hearing before council. - Mayor Haywood said, "The only time that little book comes off the shelf is when someone sues the city." Commission gets update on garbage collection; The Peoples Bank names new VP (Jeff Clark).

### NOVEMBER

**November 4** - Wet/Dry question removed from Nov. 9th ballot. - Circuit Judge Gary McAuliffe to decide the issue in court; Jeff Goodson resigns position as city clerk; Mulatz & Simmons fired again. - A letter to Mulatz read: "Effective October 27th, 1993 at 7:00 a.m., you are no longer employed by the city of Elba." New Brockton police make drug arrest.

**November 11** - City of Elba facing possible default on bond payment. - Elba City Council members were told Monday evening there wasn't enough money in the bank to make a \$83-84,000 General Obligation bond payment due the last of this month. New city (Elba) ordinance on hiring & firing; Myers captured after 12-hour manhunt; Enterprise courthouse tax proposal gets resounding defeat by voters on Tuesday; Coffee County keeps courthouse committees.

**November 18** - Two-state, four-county chase ends in shoot out near Opp. - A chase which began in Holmes County, Florida ended in Covington County, Alabama with shots being fired and one individual wounded. Three of Elba's police cars were struck by gunfire from the fleeing kidnapping suspect;

**November 25** - Elba City Council's Monday meeting ends in fireworks. - Mayor Haywood claims to have veto power - council overrides veto; More leases signed on old city school building; Coffee County Commission ups sheriff's salary \$7,500; Elba W&E Board's finances improve.

### DECEMBER

**December 2** - Claims against the county total \$7,000,000. - The claims were filed as a result of the county opening a regional landfill in the vicinity of land owned by each of the claimants; Coffee County Commission ups sheriff's salary \$7,500; Hanchey City hearing held before Federal Judge Coody in Montgomery.

**December 9** - Good Luck To The Brantley Bulldogs. - as they vie for the state's Class 1A High School Football Championship. Circuit Judge Terry Butts seeks seat on Alabama Supreme Court; Hanchey lawsuit settled; Elba's Annual Christmas Festival set for Saturday.

**December 16** - Congratulations Brantley Bulldogs! - The Brantley Bulldogs' football team won the 1993-94 Alabama Class 1A High School Championship; City tries to settle with Mulatz and Simmons; Hanchey back on force Monday; Elba W&E Board pays \$89,000 bond payment for City; Bomb threat calls cost \$24,000.

**December 23** - This was the Christmas issue of *The Elba Clipper*. The entire front page of the paper, as it has in the past, featured Elba's Christmas Family. For 1993, the Bufus Tillis Jr. Family was selected. Pictured were: Bufus, his wife Barbara, and their two children - Marcus, age 15, and Fabrika, age 17; Inside, headlines read: Hanchey-City settlement officially signed last week; \$5 million claim lodged against county.

**December 30** - The front page of this issue of *The Elba Clipper* recorded brief excerpts of events as they occurred and were reported on the front pages.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Locally there were apparently no real serious automobile or hunting accidents during the Christmas holidays. We hope we can write the same message following the New Year celebrating. We believe in enjoying life, but urge our readers not to become so carefree that they are also careless. We have said it before and say it again ... we ain't got enough friends to give up a single one without a fight.

Christmas 1993 will be one of good memories for this country boy. When it was over at our house by Sunday afternoon, the sudden realization that this was "a good Christmas" hit with a bang. There was no special toy or anything like that, just the fact of enjoying family fellowship. The children were all home and in good health and spirits plus Mother joined us for the day Saturday ... we have a lot to be thankful for.

Illegal workers are normally associated with Texas and California, or maybe New York. We were surprised to read that more and more illegal immigrants are coming to Alabama. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Border Patrol) estimates there are thousands of illegals in Alabama. In fact they caught 1480 in 1993 alone, without any special push ... this is just the ones who fall in their lap, so to speak. Noble seems to be the point of entry for most of them. Last week they found a group on a commercial bus, coming into the state to work. They turned the group around and sent them back to Mexico.

Alabama Representative Alvin Holmes has introduced bills in the Alabama legislature to take away some of the perks given the new Mercedes plant last fall. All this will get Alvin extra press, but we suspect the only thing it will accomplish will be to embarrass the administration. The Montgomery lawmaker got his feelings hurt when a German secretary wouldn't put through a phone call to the Mercedes president. We think the lawmaker was wrong in not telling the secretary the nature of his phone call ... her job is to find out those things for her boss. We wonder if Holmes himself answers ALL phone calls without his secretary knowing the purpose of the call. If so, he doesn't need a secretary, he can do like country newspapers do ... the person closest to the phone, who ain't busy, answers it when it rings.

State politics are on our mind this week. The "pork palace" created to funnel money to lawmakers' pet projects is an insult to taxpayers. When citizens hear every day that additional tax money is needed in Montgomery, the temperature gets hotter and hotter about Technology Plus. The recent \$250,000 paid to this outfit was wasted and could have been used to solve some of the money problems we are told are facing education, prisons, mental health, etc. However, the money went to support the "old buddy" system. George Wallace Jr. doesn't have his father's political power yet, but opposing such things as the Technology Plus quarter million dollar waste will go a long way toward getting him that power.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

DEC. 21 THRU DEC. 27

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 21, 1993, investigated the following incidents: five thefts, two harassment, one harassing communication, one burglary, two public intoxications, two DUIs, and one criminal mischief.

The following arrests were made: two for public intoxication, one for VPI, two for negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument, one for contempt of court, and one for harassment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for DUI, one for driver's license required, one for suspended driver's license, and one for speeding.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21** - Alarm at a residence on Claxton Ave. (7:07 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22** - Rescue run to Elba Villas (6:12 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (5:11 p.m.); Rescue run to Southland Brothers (11:03 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23** - Rescue run to a residence on U.S. Hwy. 84W (1:50 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (4:23 a.m.); Rescue run to Beaver Dam Apts. (8:47 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (1:15 p.m.); House fire on Reynolds St. (2:04 p.m.); Rescue run to

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 20, 1993 through December 26, 1993.

They were: Bakari Daniels, Gladys Clark, Kaite Kelly, Kay Harmon, William Thigpen, Billy Daniels, Joshua Johnson, Charles Kilcrease, Gerald Bowden, Viola Flowers, Alto Rushing, Ann Mae Daniels, Joe Smith, Lenora Williford, Gwinn Amlong, Houston McCollough, Richard Flowers, Jeremy Johnson, Irene McHaffey, Cate Lin Farrington, Allen Johnson, Earl Kelly, Mary Stroud, Felicia Revel, Lawrence Marshall, Patsy Lee, David Amelt, Amber Wicker, Mike Odom, and John Moody.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Kay Harmon, Carolyn Pruitt, O'Neal Hamway, William Thigpen, Katie Smith, Katie Kelly, Nell Clemons, Billy

Daniels, Althea Prescott, Manuel Weeks, Bakari Daniels, Joshua Johnson, Joe Stroud, Harold Parker, Gladys Clark, Irene McHaffey, Viola Flowers, Charles Kilcrease, Gerald Bowden, and Alto Rushing.

## Visitor restrictions at Elba Nursing Home

The Elba Nursing Home is asking visitors to abide by restrictions.

The flu season has arrived and precautionary actions are being initiated to prevent its spread among the residents.

Families and friends are asked to use good judgement and not visit the nursing home when they have signs and symptoms of a flu-like illness. Often times the obvious signs such as a runny nose, cough, and congestion, are preceded by muscle aches and pains, headache, nausea and loss of appetite and just not feeling well.

Unfortunately, people have a tendency to ignore the preceding symptoms and continue to take their children and themselves to public places. This is how infection spreads.

At this time, there are a few isolated cases of nursing home residents with flu-like symptoms. However, Elba General Hospital and its emergency department have been

## MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

## Bulletin Board

S.S. REP. - Courtroom, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1113.  
ROTARY CLUB - Monday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall.  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting).  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office.  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Buz.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.  
MASONIC LODGE #79 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba Room @ Elba High School.  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 9-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 - New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 894-5458.  
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Elba House.  
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Elba House.  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday-12 noon - City Hall Conference Room.  
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## Covington County accident claims life of Elba man

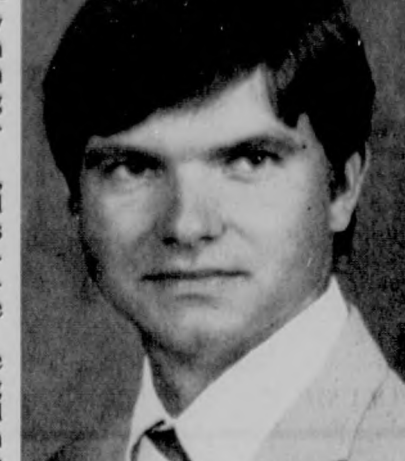
by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

A log truck overturned Tuesday afternoon in northern Covington County claiming the life of an Elba man who was just riding along in the truck to visit with his brother-in-law.

William Alford "Will" Brazelton, age 31, of Elba, died instantly and his brother-in-law "Nubbin" Holmes was injured, according to state troopers. The accident happened on Covington County Road #62, near Rose Hill, about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Officer Herbert Etheridge, of the Evergreen Trooper Post, said the log truck left the road and overturned into a creek. Brazelton was thrown from the vehicle and killed. Holmes was injured, but the extent of his injuries were unknown at press time.

Other reports indicate the truck went out of control after blowing a tire. Brazelton was married and the father of an 8 year old daughter. No funeral plans had been made at press time, but arrangements are being made by Hayes Funeral Home, Elba.



Will Brazelton

## Some citizens ignoring new solid waste disposal laws in Coffee County

The mandatory solid waste program for Coffee County began October 4, 1993 with Waste Away collection the residential solid waste.

Since that date, the Health Department has been working with Waste Away and county residents in an effort to get every household to comply with the law, by participating in the mandatory program.

Nevertheless, there is still some households that are not participating. Therefore, the Health Department would like to inform the public that the only approved means of disposal of household waste are as follows:

(A) - Subscribe to an approved solid waste collection service. Waste Away was granted the contract for residential collection outside of municipalities. Commercial collection can still be made by any permitted solid waste collector.

(B) - Obtain a certificate of exemption from the Health Department to haul your solid waste to an approved landfill, weekly.

(C) - Receive a permit from the Alabama Department of Environmental Protection Agency for a Subtitle D landfill are met.

The three methods of solid waste disposal listed above are the only approved methods. Any other methods being utilized are in violation of the law, and will lead to legal action if the unapproved methods are not abandoned.

The fine for this violation can be as much as \$500.00 per day.

The Coffee County Health Department will be glad to answer any questions concerning the above matter. Call Wanda Edberg, Coffee County's Solid Waste Office, at 347-9574.

Instructions posted in the local health care facility.

Officials realize that the holiday season is one for visiting and friends and family often come in from out of town to visit. They ask that arrangements be made with the nursing staff so that loved ones from out of town can visit residents.

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HE'S EVERYWHERE, EVERYWHERE...Christmas & Santa Claus came early to 16 Coffee County families. On Friday, December 17th, approximately 29 children gathered at the home of Circuit Judge and Mrs. Gary McAlley's home in Enterprise to enjoy "singing, snacks & fellowship" and await the arrival of Jolly Ole Saint Nick. Smiles were in abundance when the "Bearded One" made his appearance. Assisted by the Judge, Santa handed out gifts consisting of everything from bicycles and a life-size Barbie Doll to clothes. Judge McAlley and his family are assisted by many volunteers who have come to enjoy this annual event. (Photo by Patty Weiland)

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## Commission hears request for funds from county health officials & water authority

by Marvin McIlwain  
Editor

Topics of discussion in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission ranged from requests for money to "a job well done."

First on the agenda was Kenneth Ball, administrator of the County Health Department, asking for funding for an expansion to the Health Department building.

Ball told commission members that Coffee County had been selected as a training center for Home Health Care (HHC).

HHC personnel from Southeast Alabama will be trained at the center.

Commissioners were told that an addition of approximately 4600 square feet to the present health facility would be needed.

The additional space would be used to house the county's Home Health Care Program and the area training center.

Ball, after conferring with John Flowers, maintenance supervisor for the county, estimated the approximate cost of the construction to be \$280,000.

The commission was asked by Ball to fund the expansion with the State of Alabama guaranteeing to reimburse the county the full amount

through a 20-year lease agreement.

It was Ball's contention that this was a win-win proposition for Coffee County. First, the county will get an expansion to the Health Department building at no cost and secondly, personnel coming to the training center will generate income for the county.

After several minutes of discussion, Commissioner Bill Faulk made a motion that the Commission Chairman, County Administrator and one other member of the commission look at the county's finances and determine if Ball's request can be honored.

Faulk's concern was whether or not the county would remain within its borrowing limits should they agree to fund the expansion.

The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1. Commissioner Robert Stephens cast the lone dissenting vote.

Stephens said, "I think the first priority on borrowing money should be the Enterprise Courthouse."

Before leaving, Ball informed commissioners that the Adult Day Care Center in Elba was in full operation.

The center has 37 full-time clients and 5 drop-ins.

Ball also told members of the commission that the program is presently being used as model for the entire state.

A member of the Goodman Water

Authority came before the commission asking for \$10,000.00.

Jimmy Clark, representing the authority, told commissioners that the utility had been hit with more than \$28,500.00 in repair bills and had borrowed \$10,000 to meet its debt obligations.

There arose a question as to who and/or what was responsible for the high repair bill incurred by the utility.

The majority of the repairs were due to waterlines being struck by county crews during road construction. Also, the relocation of waterlines due to road construction has been costly.

After much discussion, the commission agreed to grant the authority \$10,000.

However, the agreement to do so was on whether or not the county receives the grant recently applied for to expand Elba's water system to provide water to residents near the county landfill.

The grant has been applied for through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and approval is expected in the very near future.

During the commissioners' discussion about GWA's request, the idea of a county-wide water authority was mentioned briefly. This possibility has been explored by a previous commission but no action was taken.

It was noted that with a county-wide authority, funding might be easier and also, possibly more qualified people could be hired to maintain the county's water systems.

Prior to adjournment, Commissioner Robert Stephens was honored by his fellow commissioners.

Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel presented Stephens with a resolution recognizing him for his service on the commission since 1986.

He was also recognized for his leadership during his term as Commission Chairman in 1992.

Other matters of business coming before the commission were as follows:

\*\*\*Approved the application for credit to be used by those wishing to be extended credit in using the county's landfill.

\*\*\*Agreed to send out bid requests for herbicides to be used by the highway department.

\*\*\*County Administrator Wilson Mobley to provide commissioners with a quarterly up-date on the budget at the next meeting.

\*\*\*Chairman Creel noted that Coffee County had received a \$1,000 check as a safety award from the Alabama Association of County Commissioners.

\*\*\*Voted to sign a contract with Barbour County allowing them to dispose of solid waste in the county's landfill.

\*\*\*Voted 4 to 3 to comply with all recommendations from the State Fire Marshal's office concerning the Enterprise Courthouse.



MISS EBONY CROWNED In recent activities sponsored by the Ebony Young Adult Association, a new Miss Ebony and her court were selected. Winning the event was Samantha Siler, age 15, daughter of Marvin and Jeanette Siler. First runner-up was Princess Fleming, age 14, daughter of Dolray Fleming; 2nd runner-up was Regina Austin, age 15, daughter of Charles and Annie Austin; 3rd runner-up was Conalisa Caldwell, age 16, daughter of Carolyn Caldwell. Fleming also won the formal attire and impromptu question segment while Austin won the casual attire segment. The winner was crowned by the 1993 Miss Ebony, Loretta Yolanda Smith.

## Personnel hearing held by city council

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

The Elba City Council on Tuesday morning of this week held the

required hearing on the termination of an employee, police officer Donnie Farris.

The hearing had been requested by his attorney, Mike Jared, after the hearing, as it too was held in executive session, at Farris' request.

However, it is apparent no council member had a change of opinion from last week, because there was no effort made to change the official that meeting. He said upon revo-

questing the executive session that he wanted to discuss with the council his reasons for the termination.

Neither Farris or his attorney were available for comment following the meeting.

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### John Coffee DAR To Meet January 8th In Enterprise

The John Coffee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its January business meeting at a brunch, Saturday, January 8, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wildflower Cafe in Enterprise. It is important that all members attend this meeting. Bring your gifts for the veterans.

### Thomas-Kelley Wedding To Be Held December 31st

April Dawn Thomas will marry Troy E. Kelley on Friday, December 31, 1993 at 4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, located on West Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Deadline For Socials  
&  
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Greeting guests in the receiving line at the shower were from left to right: Mrs. Laura Fell, Miss Paige Morrow-honoree, Mrs. Dan Morrow and Mrs. Dwight Kelley.

### Miss Paige Morrow Honored With Miscellaneous Bridal Shower

On Sunday, December 12, 1993, the home of Mrs. Dwight Kelley was the setting for a delightful bridal shower honoring Miss Paige Morrow, bride-elect of Mr. Sam Fell.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. Kelley and directed to the receiving line consisting of Miss Morrow, her mother, Mrs. Dan Morrow, the future groom's mother, Mrs. Laura Fell, and his sister, Mrs. Jackie Ward.

Guests were then registered by Miss Penny Morrow, sister of the bride-to-be. Delicious refreshments of petit fours, nuts, mimosas, straws and sparkling punch were served by Mrs. Marsha Oggs and Mrs. Peggy McIntosh. After being

served, the guests were directed to the gift rooms where many beautiful and useful gifts were displayed.

Honorees for the occasion were: Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, Mrs. Ann Lawford, Mrs. June Grantham, Mrs. Cathy Nelson, Mrs. Judy Markler, Mrs. Myra Kelley, Mrs. Agnes Wilson, Frances Jacobs, Mrs. Ellen Lowery, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Barbara Stroud.

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### Miss Dean To Wed Mr. Odom January 1st

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parrish of Elba announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Candy Lynn Dean, to Jeffrey David Odom, son of Odell Bell of New Brockton.

Miss Dean is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mavis Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Durwood Parrish, all of Elba.

The ceremony will be held Saturday, January 1, 1994 at the Church of God at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited.

### Fall Quarter Honor Students Named At LBW College

LBW College President, Seth Hammett has announced academic honor students for the 1993 Fall Quarter. Laura Denise Hall of Elba has been named to the Dean's List. A total of 66 students were named to the President's List and 74 students have been named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

### Girl Scouts To Begin Cookie Sale In January

Girl Scout cookies will soon be here. Beginning January 7 through January 22 local Girl Scouts will be taking pre-orders for the best tasting cookies in the world. The pre-ordered cookies will be delivered February 14 - March 5, 1994. Now is the time to decide which of your favorite Girl Scout cookies you want to order. This year the Girl Scouts will be selling the chuletta cookies, thin mints, peanut butter patties, old fashioned shortbread, Samoas, oatmeal peanut butter cookies, and are introducing the new Juliettes. The Juliettes are a delightfully crunchy combination of caramel and pecans covered with a fudge chocolate coating. Girl Scout cookies contain no preservatives and can be frozen. So order extras for later in the year. Contact your local Girl Scout council to place your order or call 272-9164 or 1-800-BE-WOMEN.



SIXTH GRADE COMPLETES NOVEL STUDY...Ms. Lee's sixth grade class has just completed a study of the novel, *The Indian in the Cupboard*, by Lynne Reid Banks. As part of the study of the novel many activities were finished. Part of the study required the students to look after a plastic three inch high Indian or cowboy. The class made homes for the Indian or cowboy and wrote about their experience in making sure the figures were returned safely to class. Other activities included keeping a reading learning log, writing stories, making puppets, and constructing fact and opinion games based on the story. A display was set up in the library with a bulletin board placed outside the library. This allowed the class to share the book with the rest of the school. The final project for this novel required the students to write and present a three to five minute presentation of their favorite part of the novel. This presentation was video taped by Ms. Lee. The class enjoyed the book and are now beginning a study of the novel *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Members of the class are Bradley Bowers, Joey Brown, Nicole Bryan, Tony Burks, Annie Jean Caldwell, Danny Chestnut, Aaron Coleman, Jennifer Dyer, Valerie Mitchell, Monique Ordon, Terrell Parker, Shacia Parrish, Brandy Phillips, Wayne Reed, Brooke Sanders, Andrea Seay, and Brandi Walker.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Fifth Annual New Year's Revival To Be Hosted By Kinston First Assembly

Kinston First Assembly of God will be hosting their fifth annual New Year's Revival, beginning with a big Watchnight service from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on New Year's Eve, December 31. Featured singers for the Watchnight service will be the New Life Worship Center Choir of Samson, along with Evangelists Wayne and Brenda Fussell. Services will begin at 7:00 each night, except Sunday services which begin at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. There will not be any Saturday services.

During the second week of revival, January 10-14, there will be a Kid's Kampmeeting in the fellowship hall of the church in conjunction with the revival services, with puppets, Bible stories, games, music, prizes, and lots of fun for children ages 4-11.

Nursery will be provided for children up to age 3 in all services. The church is located on Hwy. 189 (Elba Hwy.) in Kinston. Pastor Tim Collins and the congregation cordially invites all to attend.

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Training Union	5:00 p.m.
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Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Mom. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD	
Nelson Kimberly	9:45 a.m.
Mom. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv.	6:30 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY	
J.E. Wesley	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Mom. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Church Training	5:30 p.m.
Even. Serv.	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Serv.	7:00 p.m.
ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE	
James Porter	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Mom. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
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ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD	
Bob J. Reed	9:45 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Mom. Worship	11:00 a.m.
Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
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ELBA FIRST BAPTIST	
Dr. Frank Wells	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service	6:00 p.m.
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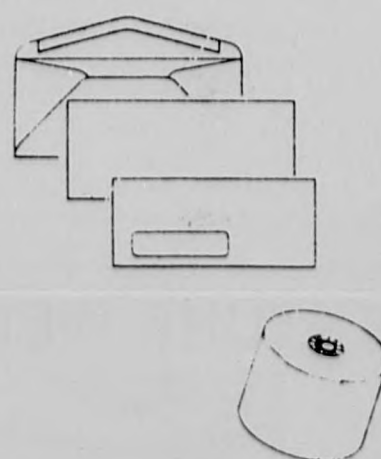
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